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- HUTU HARDLINERS EVACUATED TO PARIS WITH
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1. SUMMARY: PARIS DAILY "LIBERATION" PUBLISHED MAY 19
THE LEAKED TEXT OF AN INTERNAL GOF MEMO OUTLINING
MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOF TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF
PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S FAMILY AND OTHERS REPUTEDLY

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ASSOCIATED WITH HARDLINE HUTU FACTIONS IN FLEEING RWANDA. THE "LIBERATION" ARTICLE NOTES THAT MORE MODERATE MEMBERS OF HABYARIMANA'S CABINET AND EVEN TUTSI MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY STAFF WERE LEFT TO BE MASSACRED. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN ADDITION TO AIRING MUCH OF THE DIRTY LAUNDRY ON FRANCE'S ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA SINCE THE 1970'S (REFTEL), THE MAY 18 EDITION OF "LIBERATION" ALSO PRINTED THE TEXT OF A MEMO FROM THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR TWELVE PERSONS OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S FAMILY TO FLY TO PARIS FOLLOWING THEIR EVACUATION FROM RWANDA TO BANGUI BY FRENCH FORCES. ANOTHER MEMO, ALSO FROM THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION, AUTHORIZED 200,000 FF (USD 37,000) FOR THE "URGENT NEEDS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES." IN FACT THIS LATTER REQUEST WAS NOT USED FOR ORDINARY RWANDA REFUGEES BUT RATHER TO PAY FOR THE TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES OF THE "HABYARIMANA FAMILY" IN PARIS.

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3. PUBLICATION OF THIS MEMO HAS PROVOKED AN UPROAR IN PARIS, SINCE ALL CONCERNED KNEW WHO THE BENEFICIARIES WERE TO BE. THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY (WHO HAVE LONG BEEN REPUTED TO SUPPORT THE HARDLINE HUTU FACTIONS) WERE EVACUATED ON APRIL 9 TO BANGUI ON A TRANSALL (OFFICIALLY RESERVED FOR FRENCH NATIONALS), THE MORE MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET (INCLUDING HUTUS) WERE LEFT TO BE MASSACRED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD AND THE MILITIAS. FRANCE HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR SHOWING FAVORITISM IN ASSISTING NUMEROUS OFFICIALS THE REGIME TO FLEE TO ZAIRE.

4. "LIBERATION" ALSO PUBLISHED A LIST OF NAMES OF THE PERSONS INCLUDED IN THE "PRESIDENT'S FAMILY," WHICH INCLUDED PERSONS REPORTEDLY BEHIND THE MASSACRES COMMITTED IN RWANDA BETWEEN 1990-93. ACCORDING TO A 1993 REPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RWANDA (CIDHR) AND BASED LARGELY ON THE TESTIMONY OF A "REPENTI" WHO FLED TO KENYA, MRS. HABYARIMANA IS ACCUSED OF HAVING PARTICIPATED WITH HER HUSBAND IN SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE COMMANDOS OF

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"RESEAU ZERO" WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST 2,000 MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION, INCLUDING HUTUS AND TUTSIS.

5. AMONG THE "SENSITIVE MERCHANDISE" (THE TERM USED IN THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION MEMO TO DESCRIBE THE PEOPLE BROUGHT TO PARIS), IS PROTAIS ZIGIRANYIRAZO, ALSO KNOWN
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AS "MONSIEUR Z," ONE OF AGATHE HABYARIMANA'S BROTHERS CHARGED IN CANADA WITH DEATH THREATS AGAINST RWANDAN OPPOSITION STUDENTS. HE IS ALSO ACCUSED IN THE CIDHR REPORT FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND CITED AS A MEMBER OF "RESEAU ZERO." ALSO ON THE LIST OF "PARIS GUESTS" IS FERDINAND NAHIMANA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE RWANDAN OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND MEMBER OF THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF "RADIO DES MILLE COLLINES." ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SURVIVORS, NAHIMANA REPEATEDLY

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ORDERED MASSACRES OVER THE RADIO. AFTER THE SIGNING OF
THE PEACE AGREEMENT IN TANZANIA, GERMANY REFUSED HIS
ACCREDITATION AS COUNSELOR AT THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN
BONN.

6. THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE SARCASTICALLY POINTS OUT
THAT THE "GENEROSITY" OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS NOT
LIMITED TO IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL
FAMILY, 60 ORPHANS FROM AN ORPHANAGE CALLED SAINTE
AGATHE (FOUNDED BY MRS. HABYARIMANA), WERE EVACUATED TO
PARIS ON APRIL 10. THESE WERE CHILDREN OF OFFICERS
KILLED FIGHTING RPF REBELS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY
34 "ESCORTS" WHO HAVE SINCE DISAPPEARED. IN ADDITION,
RWANDAN PERSONNEL FROM THE EMBASSY, FRENCH CULTURAL
CENTER AND THE COOPERATION MISSION -- MOSTLY TUTSIS --
WERE LEFT BEHIND BY THE FRENCH ON APRIL 12. MANY OF
THEM HAVE SINCE BEEN KILLED, AND THE ARTICLE CITES
THEIR NAMES.

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